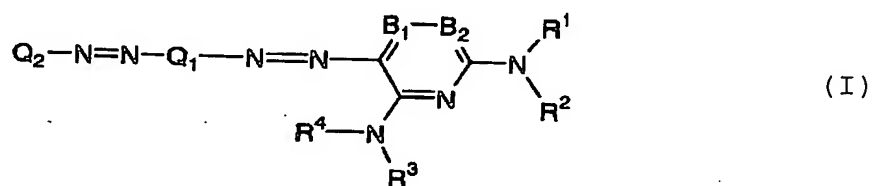


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an optical information-recording medium capable of recording and reproducing information with laser beams and having excellent recording characteristics, the optical information-recording medium comprising a support and a recording layer capable of recording information by laser beam exposure, wherein the recording layer contains a dye represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent; B_1 and B_2 represent $=CR^5-$ and $-CR^6=$ respectively, or one of B_1 and B_2 represents a nitrogen atom and the other represents $=CR^5-$ or $-CR^6=$; R^5 and R^6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent; Q_1 represents a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group, or a substituted or unsubstituted divalent heterocyclic group; and Q_2 represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group.